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DIARY NOTES

DD/S

13 January 1972

Information Processing Matters: Mr. Briggs telephoned to pass a query from Mr. Colby concerning one of the papers which Mr. Briggs had prepared to reflect the discussion on information processing matters which was hosted by the Director on Monday. Mr. Briggs had given Mr. Colby a paper which contained the data on ADP matters which the Director desired in connection with his deferred decision on the paragraph 15 of the original paper and he had given him a memorandum to the Deputies to state the decisions which were made by the Director. Mr. Colby had asked if an additional paper might not be needed to tell the DD/S to proceed with the transfer of the Cable Secretariat and to proceed with the dissemination review. I asked Mr. Briggs whether the memorandum was the original information processing memorandum with the adjusted paragraphing and he said that "they" had decided not to send the memorandum but only a memorandum reflecting decisions of the Director. I then said that if we got something signed by Mr. Colby which stated the decisions we would implement them without having to have an additional instruction in writing to do so.

Mr. Briggs then asked for an opinion on adding to the OC/CRS dissemination review a representative from PPB. He named his candidate as [REDACTED]. I replied immediately in the negative pointing out that we were unhappy with some of the factual inaccuracies in the original work done by [REDACTED]. Mr. Briggs then indicated that the DD/I would like to have [REDACTED] added to the group and in further elaboration the DD/I translated into Mr. Eisenbeiss. Mr. Briggs indicated that Mr. Eisenbeiss felt that the "gun" is now unfairly loaded against the MAD system and Mr. Briggs without so indicating reflected his willingness to go along with that and to agree with Mr. Eisenbeiss that two votes were needed to counterbalance the non-CRS/MAD conclusion. This also indicates that Mr. Eisenbeiss is interested in going for the whole package, a position which was not represented by Mr. Proctor at the session with the Director.

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Mr. Briggs then mentioned several points which came up as I understand it in the preliminary session which was held with the Director before he met with the Deputies. These are:

(a) That the Agency IHC member (Mr. Briggs) should indeed be a voice and an active presence in IHC conceptualizing in the information handling world in community terms. Mr. Briggs specifically got the Director's blessing on this approach with the Director acknowledging that he had a changed role with the Presidential reorganization directive in force.

(b) The Director sought some confirmation on the protection of security and medical information which would be put into computer files. Mr. Briggs assured him that there were procedural, hardware and software controls which would be imposed which should be adequately effective. He then did say that he could not, however, guarantee 100 percent that no loss could ever occur but that there was no greater danger than with any other system which could be conceived including human operated systems. The Director was satisfied with this and Mr. Briggs felt that we were therefore relieved of the worry of being precluded from putting this type of information into the computer SIPS system.

(c) The Director was also interested in whether under a centralized or amalgamated system he could withdraw CS material should that in subsequent times become necessary. He indicated that the CS was a part of the Agency by choice and not by law and that it might be important in the future to be able to withdraw CS materials which Mr. Briggs assumes means walnut type materials.

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